

PRELIMINARY LOSS REPORT 05162

POV CRASH CLAIMS 1 SOLDIER'S LIFE -- ACCIDENT

An 18th Field Artillery Brigade Soldier was killed in a POV accident on 19 September 2005 at 2312 local in Fayetteville, NC. The 25 year-old SGT was operating a vehicle at a high rate of speed when it exited the right side of the road and struck a tree. The NCO was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene. A civilian friend was traveling at a high rate of speed in a separate vehicle, along side the SGT. His vehicle exited the left side of the road way and struck a tree. He was transported to the hospital and treated for severe injuries. Initial reports indicate that alcohol was not a factor in this accident.

Including this accident, there were **343** Class A-C Army **POV** accidents from the start of FY05 to 19 September 2005, resulting in **135** Soldier deaths.

Don't let this happen in your formation. Consider these actions to help prevent similar POV accidents:

- **Speeding kills. Inform Soldiers on how speeding negatively affects handling capabilities.**
- **Have your Soldiers view the video on the POV crash reported in PLR 0523.**
- **Remind Soldiers that high risk times for accidents are between the hours of 2300 and 0500.**

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